



WELLESLEY NATURAL
RESOURCES COMMISSION

Insights from Outside

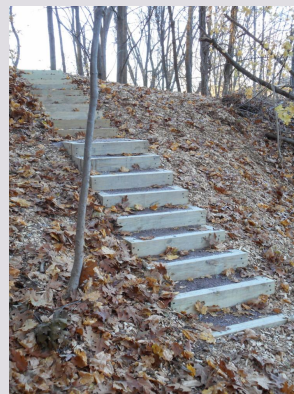
January 2020

NRC Proclaims Climate Emergency



In addition to the NRC's leadership on climate resilience through the [MVP program](#), at its December 19th meeting the NRC adopted a resolution proclaiming a Climate Emergency, and committed to have the issue of climate change on its agenda moving forward. Read the proclamation [here](#).

New Steps Improve Access to the Charles River Path Off the Cochituate Aqueduct



Thank you to the Wellesley DPW for their trail improvements. New steps were installed on the Charles River Path off of the Cochituate Aqueduct. These new steps improve accessibility on the trail and will help to mitigate erosion on the trail.

Linden Square Townhomes Enact Pesticide Ban and Begin Recycling Program



A big "Thank You!" to Barkan Management and the trustees and owners of the Linden Square Townhomes for working with their landscapers to eliminate the use of the weed killer Roundup at their complex. These environmentally-conscious individuals recognized the harmful effects

Wellesley Elementary Students Learn About the Watershed

of this common weed killer and took action, especially important as they abut the Sprague School and playing fields. They also took the the initiative to establish a trash recycling program, bringing blue recycling containers to residents who agreed the environmental benefits of recycling were worth the small added weekly fee to residents and owners. Do you live in a multi-family residence? Consider speaking with your landlord or homeowner association to discuss how your property is managed. [Contact us](#) if you'd like more information.

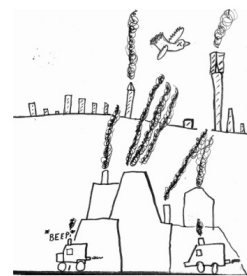
World Environment Day Tree Photo Exhibit at Wellesley Free Library



World Environment Day is celebrated on June 5th every year, and is the United Nation's principal vehicle for encouraging awareness and action for the protection of our environment. As a way to promote World Environment Day, the Wellesley Free Library will host a photo exhibit of our beautiful town trees. Get out and take a photo of your favorite tree and be a part of this exhibit. Send your photos to Elise MacLennan, Administrative office, 2nd floor, by January 3rd for submission.

Help Make Wellesley's Streets Complete!

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Sprague school fifth grade students spent the fall studying about Watersheds for their Project Based Learning projects. Teacher Kenneth Craig supported the incredible efforts of his students who for their final projects created a variety of promotional materials that explain the need to maintain a healthy watershed. The young environmental activists created a [youtube video](#), [web page](#), [newspaper article](#), and [children's book](#), all in an effort to enlighten the public on the importance of Morses Pond as the source of our town water supply. A set of graphic posters also helps to get the point across, see them here: [Sign 1](#) [Sign 2](#) [Sign 3](#) [Sign 4](#) Well done, everyone!

Wetlands Certified!



After just four years as the Wellesley Wetlands Protection Committee Administrator, Julie Meyer has completed the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commission's Fundamentals Certificate Program. This program provides the basic knowledge and practical tools essential to carry out the many responsibilities of administering the



Wellesley is participating in the [Mass DOT Complete Streets Program](#). A Complete Street is one that provides safe and accessible options for all travel modes - walking, biking, transit and vehicles – for people of all ages and abilities. Complete Streets also provide important links between home, school, work, play and shopping areas.

The Town is asking for input from residents to help identify issues related to public street use and develop a list of priority projects. Residents can submit comments through [Wellesley's Complete Streets portal](#). In late January, the Town will hold a public hearing to gather additional comments.

Make a Resolution to Bring Your Own Bag



The NRC is requesting that the Board of Selectmen declare January Bring Your Own Bag Month in Wellesley. To date, [Wellesley's Plastic Bag regulations](#) have removed an estimated 10.7 million bags from the local waste stream. Make a resolution this year to bring your own bags in January, and throughout the year.

Wetlands Protection Act. The training promotes sound, consistent, fact based decision-making, and builds respect for conservation commission decisions. Congratulations and thank you, Julie, for undertaking this extensive training for the benefit of our town!

Please Properly Dispose of Christmas Trees



After the holidays, you can responsibly dispose of your holiday greens by taking them to the Wellesley RDF for mulching. In past years, Christmas trees and greens have been dumped in parks and conservation areas. Please remember that dumping trees and other debris on town land is illegal under our town bylaws, see [Police Regulations, Article 49.2](#). Depending on proximity to water, dumping of trees may also incur a wetlands violation. Forests are sensitive ecosystems, and the introduction of extra matter can smother nesting creatures, introduce diseases and invasive species, and in general disrupt the natural balance of the area. Thank you for disposing of your holiday decorations responsibly.

Happy New Year From All of Us at the NRC



As we begin this new decade, we wish everyone a healthy, happy and peaceful New Year, filled with wonderful natural experiences.

MEETING CALENDAR

Agendas are posted 48 hours prior to meeting time.

Upcoming NRC Meetings:

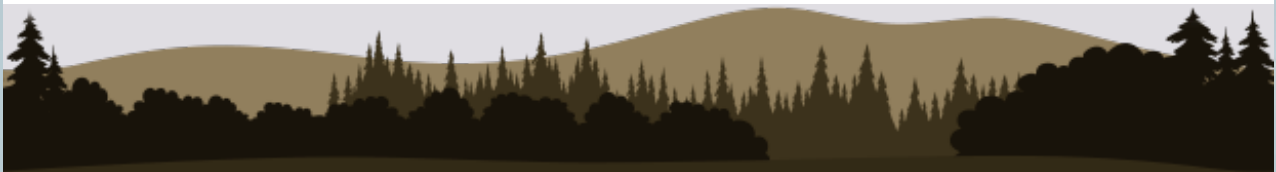
- Thursday January 2nd: 7:00 PM Kingsbury Room, Wellesley Police Station
- Thursday January 16th 7:00PM, Kingsbury Room, Wellesley Police Station
- Thursday February 6th 7:00PM, Kingsbury Room, Wellesley Police Station
- Thursday February 27th 7:00PM, Juliani Room, Wellesley Town Hall
- Thursday March 12th 7:00PM, Kingsbury Room, Wellesley Police Station
- Thursday March 26th 7:00PM, Kingsbury Room, Wellesley Police Station

Upcoming Wetlands Protection Committee Meetings:

- Thursday January 9th: 6:30 PM, TBD
- Thursday January 30th: 6:30 PM, TBD

Upcoming Trails Committee Meetings:

- Tuesday January 28: 7 PM, NRC Office, Wellesley Town Hall



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